

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 6, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jon Moe, Legislative Branch  
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 86, 2/2/2009; HB 258, 2/2/2009  
Executive Action: None

00:00:20 Rep. Sesso  
00:01:29 Rep. Villa  
00:01:43 Chairman Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 86**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:13 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on  
HB 86, Fund health information technology and record  
sharing.

**EXHIBIT**(aph28a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:41 William Reiter, Health Share Montana  
00:18:46 Chairman Sesso  
00:19:00 Kristen Juliar, Chairwomen, Board of Directors, Health  
Share Montana  
00:19:51 Mike Foster, Catholic Memorial Hospitals  
00:20:18 Dwight Hiesterman, Health Share Montana  
00:20:42 Chelsea Fagen, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
00:21:07 Mark Burzynski, Blue Cross Blue Shield  
00:21:58 Jon Morrison, self  
00:24:38 Betty Beverly, Executive Director, Montana Senior  
Citizens Association  
00:25:50 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child  
Health  
00:26:08 Jon Mudd, Executive Council, State Auditor's Office  
00:26:24 Beth Sirr, self  
00:27:50 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association  
00:28:55 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:30:01 Gail Briesse-Zimmer, Department of Public Health and  
Human Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:38 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:31:35 Mr. Reiter  
00:31:47 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:32:11 Mr. Reiter  
00:32:48 Rep. Henry  
00:33:40 Chairman Sesso  
00:34:17 Ms. Briesse-Zimmer  
00:34:28 Rep. Henry  
00:35:10 Chairman Sesso  
00:35:33 Rep. Morgan  
00:35:54 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:36:20 Rep. Morgan  
00:36:31 Chairman Sesso  
00:36:41 Mr. Foster  
00:37:33 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:37:42 Mr. Reiter

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:12 Rep. Sands

**HEARING ON HB 258**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:46 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on  
HB 258, Funding for insure Montana.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:11 Monica Lindeen, State Auditor  
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a02\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a03\)](#)  
00:52:24 Rep. Julie French, HB 36, Scobey  
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a04\)](#)  
00:55:30 Evette Worman, Small Business Owner  
00:57:14 Betty Beverly, Board Member, Insure Montana  
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a05\)](#)  
01:00:20 Glen Middlestead, Small Business Owner  
01:02:22 Mark Burzynski, Blue Cross Blue Shield  
01:05:25 Bill Roberts, Volunteer Lobbyist, AARP  
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a06\)](#)  
01:08:18 Vanessa Clark, Chamber of Commerce, Great Falls  
01:09:40 Jon Morrison, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:13:07 Beth Sirr, self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:59 Rep. Morgan  
01:19:50 Rep. McChesney  
01:20:31 Rep. Morgan  
01:21:15 Auditor Lindeen  
01:23:52 Rep. Morgan  
01:24:04 Auditor Lindeen  
01:25:15 Rep. Getz  
01:25:42 Auditor Lindeen  
01:27:43 Chairman Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:28:39 Rep. McChesney

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:32:59 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph28aad.pdf](#))**